

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 were pending in the application as originally filed. Claim 14 was amended to remove multiple dependencies prior to calculating the filing fees.

The subject matter of the amended claims is substantially identical to the content of the original claims.

The international application did not include a separate Abstract of the Invention. An Abstract has been attached on a separate page for entry into the application.

Accordingly, claims 1-17 are believed to be in condition for favorable examination on the merits.

Corresponding action is respectfully solicited.

PTO is authorized to charge any additional fees incurred as a result of the filing hereof or credit any overpayment to our account #02-0900.

Respectfully submitted,

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